

Pre-solicitation Announcement

A-E Services Indefinite Quantity Contract for Various Multi-Discipline Architectural-Engineering Projects in Support of the Infrastructure Development Plan of the Federated States of Micronesia

Services include, but are not limited to design and engineering services for the preparation of preliminary and final plans and specifications, cost estimates, project engineering documentation, technical reports including engineering and investigations and concept studies, construction cost estimates, operations and maintenance manuals, construction consultation, geotechnical investigations and post construction award services, as required, for multi-discipline architectural-engineering projects.

Projects may include, but are not limited to educational and health care facilities, water production and distribution facilities, other new construction, alterations, and repair of buildings and structures in tropical environments similar to the Federated States of Micronesia and other Pacific Ocean Areas. Construction management, inspection and surveillance services during construction phase may be included. Construction management services require qualified personnel and sufficient on-site expertise.

It is anticipated that up to four contracts will be awarded from this announcement. The selected A-Es may be required to participate in a pre-fee meeting within seven days of notification and provide a fee proposal within ten days of the meeting. The contract will be of the Indefinite Quantity type where the work will be required on an as-needed basis during the life of the contract provided the Government and contractor agree on the amount. The Government will determine the task order amount by using rates negotiated and negotiate the effort required to perform the particular project. The contract term will be a base year subject to three one-year optional extensions. The annual fee for any year may not exceed \$1,000,000.00 and per project limitation is \$500,000.00. The total fee for the contract term shall not exceed \$4,000,000.00 for each contract. The Government guarantees a minimum amount of \$50,000.00 for each contract. There will be no future announcements in the event the options included in the contract are exercised. Estimated date of contract award is July 2007.

The following selection evaluation criteria, in order of importance, will be used in the evaluation of A-E firms: (1) Professional qualifications of firm and staff proposed for the design, repair, alteration and preparation of project engineering documentation and studies for buildings, infrastructure and other shore-based facility projects located in tropical environments similar to the Federated States of Micronesia and other Pacific Ocean Areas; (2) Specialized recent experience and technical competence of firm or particular staff members proposed for the design, repair, alteration and preparation of project engineering documentation and studies for buildings, infrastructure and other facility projects located in tropical environments similar to Federated States of

Micronesia and other Pacific Ocean Areas; (3) Past performance on contracts with the Federated States of Micronesia and U.S. Government agencies and private industry in terms of cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules; (4) Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time; (5) Knowledge and demonstrated experience in applying sustainability concepts and principles to facilities and infrastructure problems through an integrated design approach; (6) the A-Es quality control program experience; (7) Location in the general geographical area of the projects and knowledge of the locality of the projects; provided, that application of this criterion leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the projects.

Include a summary of qualifications in narrative discussion addressing each of the above selection evaluation criteria on the U.S. government SF 330, Part 1, Section H. If necessary, continue on plain bond paper. For selection criteria (3) the government will also evaluate each firm's past performance and performance rating(s) from the Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS) during the evaluation process, which can affect the selection outcome. Please note that the selected firm or its subsidiaries or affiliates that design or prepare specifications for a construction contract cannot provide the construction services for the same contract. This prohibition shall include concept design, which includes preparation of project programming documents, facility sitting studies, environmental assessments, or other activities that result in identification of project scope and cost. The prime firm and consultants for this contract will be required to perform throughout the contract term. A-E firms meeting the requirements described in this announcement are invited to submit a completed U.S. government Standard Form 330, Architect Engineer Qualifications.

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Interested firms must allow sufficient time for receipt of submission. Consultants to the prime A-E firm are required to submit only Part II of the SF 330. This solicitation requires all interested firms to have an email address. Notifications will be via email, therefore, email address must be shown on the SF 330, Part 1, Section B8. **THREE COPIES OF YOUR SF 330s ARE REQUIRED: TWO PAPER COPIES AND ONE**

ELECTRONIC COPY ON A CD. Firms responding to this announcement by Friday, July 13, 2007, will be considered. Firms must submit forms by 4:00 p.m. Pohnpei local time (GMT +11). This is not a request for a proposal.

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